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SUBJ: [REDACTED]  
1. COUNTRY: BRAZIL (BR)  
2. REPORT NUMBER: [REDACTED]  
3. TITLE: [REDACTED]  
4. PROJECT NUMBER: N/A  
5. DATE OF INFORMATION: 780719/20  
6. DATE OF REPORT: 780720  
7. DATE AND PLACE OF ACQUISITION: BRASILIA BR, 780720  
8. REFERENCES: [REDACTED]  
9. ASSESSMENT: SOURCE B INFORMATION 2  
10. ORIGINATOR: [REDACTED]  
11. REQUEST EVALUATION: NO  
12. PREPARING OFFICER: [REDACTED]  
13. APPROVING AUTHORITY: [REDACTED]  
14. SOURCE: [REDACTED]  
15. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: DIRC: NO  
16. SUMMARY (C): [REDACTED]

THAT HUMAN RIGHTS APPLIES TO ALL; AND ALLOWED THAT USG-GOB  
RELATIONS WILL BE EVEN BETTER AS WIL BA-US ARMY RELATIONS.  
17. SUBJ CODE: BR-4, 17

22. DETAILS:

A. (C) [REDACTED]

B. (C) [REDACTED] HIGHLY POSITIVE AND OPTIMISTIC IN  
TERMS OF FUTURE MILITARY (I.E. ARMY-TO-ARMY) RELATIONS AND  
ALSO WHEN DISCUSSING HIS ASSESSMENT OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION.

C. (C) [REDACTED] THE USG SINCERELY WANTED  
GOOD RELATIONS WITH BRAZIL. [REDACTED] THE US PRESIDENT'S  
MARCH VISIT TO BRAZIL AS CONCRETE EVIDENCE HE FAULTED  
PREVIOUS MISUNDERSTANDINGS ON BAD ADVICE GIVEN BY POORLY-  
INFORMED POLITICALLY APPOINTED ADVISERS.

D. (C) [REDACTED] THAT THE HUMAN RIGHTS  
REPORTING REQUIREMENTS WERE HERE TO STAY, AND THAT IT APPLIED  
TO EVERYONE, NO JUST CERTAIN COUNTRIES.

SHOULD THE BA WISH TO MAKE PURCHASES UNDER FMS AUSPICES, THEN  
THE US CONGRESS WOULD RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS  
SITUATION IN BRAZIL. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE.

E. (C) THE ARMY MINISTER'S REACTION TO THE PRECEDING WAS  
NEGATIVE. HE REPORTEDLY EXCLAIMED THAT UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES  
WOULD THE BA DO ANYTHING, I.E. MAKE PURCHASES IN THE USA,  
WHICH WOULD RESULT IN A HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT, PURCHASES--YES  
BUT NOT UNDER THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES.

F. (C) [REDACTED] HE HAD BEEN VERY WELL  
TREATED BY THE US ARMY'S SENIOR OFFICERS. HE HAD BEEN SINGLED  
OUT FOR WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT BY SEVERAL

US ARMY GENERALS. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WOULD ALSO BE WELL RECEIVED AND ACCORDED  
EXCELLENT BY THE US ARMY.

G. (C) [REDACTED] HE'D BEEN PRIVILEGED TO MEET THE PRESENT  
AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO BRAZIL AND THAT HE WAS VERY MUCH IMPRESSED  
BY THE AMBASSADOR'S POSITIVE ATTITUDE, KNOWLEDGE OF BRAZIL,  
AND FRIENDLY PERSONALITY. HE ADDED THAT THE AMBASSADOR'S  
COLONEL USAR STATUS WAS A PLUS IN THE SENSE THAT HE WOULD BETTER  
UNDERSTAND THE IDIOSYNCRASIES AND NEEDS OF THE MILITARY,  
US AND BRAZILIAN. [REDACTED] IN THIS AND  
EXPRESSED HIS SATISFACTION  
H. (C) [REDACTED]

J. (C) HE WILL ALSO PAY A VISIT TO HIS OLD FRIEND THE MINISTER-  
CHIEF OF THE SNI (NAT'L INTEL SERVICE), BG OCTAVIO MEDEIROS  
PRIOR TO RETURNING TO HIS HOME IN PETROPOLIS, RJ ON 21JUL78.

K. (C) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HAD FAITH  
IN THEIR COLLECTIVE JUDGEMENT AND THAT THE FUTURE SHOULD SEE THE  
TWO COUNTRIES GETTING CLOSER TOGETHER, PARTICULARLY AFTER  
FIGUEIREDO HAS HAD TIME TO SETTLE IN TO THE PRESIDENCY.

L. (C) [REDACTED] WAS NOT AS  
POLITICALLY-DIVIDED AS THE PRESS HAS BEEN CLAIMING, SINCERELY WANTED  
TO DEPOLITICIZE ITSELF; AND THAT FIGUEIREDO'S GOVERNMENT WOULD  
IN EFFECT BE ONE OF TRANSITION  
FROM AN AUTHORITARIAN TO A DEMOCRATIC ONE BY WESTERN STANDARDS.  
ORIGINATORS COMMENTS: (C) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MIGHT TRIGGER THE HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTING MECHANISM.  
BUT IT WOULD APPEAR THAT HE'D LIKE TO "BUY AMERICAN" IF ONLY  
HE COULD SOURCES OPTIMISM IN RE: US-BRAZILIAN RELATIONS IN THE  
FUTURE IS MOST WELCOME AND SECONDS WHAT OTHERS HAVE RECENTLY  
STATED ON THE SUBJECT. NOTE THE ARMY MINISTERS PERSONAL WISHES  
RE: THE ARMA RANK ISSUE, AND THE REASON GIVE -- "IMAGE."

THE ARMY'S TIRED OF POLITICS, WANTS OUT-BUT SAFELY SO, AND  
DEMOCRACY WILL BE RESTORED TO BRAZIL IN BITS AND STAGES  
TO AVOID CREATING CRISES SITUATIONS. ALL IN ALL, GOOD NEWS  
WAS RELATED BY CODED SOURCE. LET'S HOPE [REDACTED] KNOWN PRO-  
AMERICANISM DOESN'T CAUSE OTHERS (I.E. GOB OFFICIALS) TO TAKE  
HIS STATEMENTS WITH TOO MUCH SALT  
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